

46d. The inner surface of back segment 46a includes a plurality of inwardly extending claws or projections 56. As best seen in Fig. 4, each of the claws 56 preferably has a triangular cross-sectional shape. Claws 56 may be provided to engage an adapter unit such as disclosed in PCT Application No. PCT/US98/19997, filed September 24, 1998, with the inventor Gratsias named, which PCT application is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. - -

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 9 and ending on page 7, line 12, to read::

a² - - A pair of lower support structures 50a and 50b and a pair of medial connection members 52a and 52b extend from base 44 on either side of projection 48 with lower support structures 50a and 50b adjacent front segment 46b. Supports 54a and 54b extend from base 44 adjacent to side segments 46c and 46d, respectively. - -

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 27 and ending on page 7, line 34, to read::

a³ - - Referring to Figs. 3, 4, and 5, base 44 further defines three sets of slots and/or holes. The sets of slots are best seen in Fig. 5, showing the bottom face of base 44. Although only the slots in the sets on one side of axis L_H will be discussed, such descriptions are applicable to the slots on the opposite side of axis L_H. The first set of slots 64 is adjacent back segment 46a. Each slot 64 is transversely spaced from the adjacent slot so that each slot is aligned with one claw 56. Each of the slots 64 on the outer ends of the set can extend partially into back segment 46a to form cutouts (not shown) in back segment 46a. - -

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 1 and ending on page 8, line 11, to read::

a⁴ - - The second set of holes 66a-d (as best seen in Figs. 5 and 8) are spaced between back segment 46a and front segment 46b. The second set includes circular holes 66a and 66b and elongated hole 66c therebetween. Hole 66d in the second set is adjacent hole 66a and

aligned with supports 54a and 54b (as seen in Figs. 3 and 8). If supports 54a and 54b are provided, then square holes 66d are blind holes accessible only at the top face of base 44 and covered by supports 54a and 54b along the bottom face of base 44. Member 60 of connection members 52a and 52b (as seen in Fig. 3) crosses over the elongated hole 66c so that cutout 62 (as seen in Fig. 4) is in communication and aligned with elongated hole 66c. As shown in Figs. 1 and 8, blade cover 68 is mounted over base 44 (and blades 30) and has projections 69a, 69b, and 69d that are received in holes 66a, 66b, and 66d, respectively, and secured therein (such as by mechanical deformation thereof) to couple blades 30 to head 22. - -

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 12 and ending on page 8, line 16, to read:

a⁵ - - Referring to Figs. 3 and 5, the third set of slots 70a-c adjacent front segment 46b. As best seen in Fig. 5, slots 70a and 70c are disposed on either side of central slot 70b. Central slot 70b is aligned with member 58b of lower support member 50b positioned at the bottom face of base 44. Slots 70a-c are provided between base 44 and guard bar 45 and serve as water rinsing/cleaning areas. - -

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 11, line 3 and ending on page 11, line 26, to read:

a⁶ - - In the embodiment of Figs. 8 and 9, connection members 52a and 52b, particularly members 60 and cutouts 62 thereof, and posts 80a and 80b and pins 84a and 84b are configured and dimensioned so that head 22 can move about and along multiple axes. Thus, head 22 is able to pivot forward and backward (a pitching movement) about pins 84a and 84b and about pivot axis P through pins 84a and 84b (parallel to axis T) with respect to razor handle 24, as illustrated by arrow A, as well as in directions toward and away from handle 24 (and thus neck piece 34 or bridge portion 78), as illustrated by arrows B. The movement in the direction of arrows B occurs when forces F are applied to head 22. Specifically, when equal forces are applied to sides I and II of head 22, head 22 is pushed towards handle 24 and leaf-spring arms 82a and 82b both are compressed equally so that transverse axis T of head